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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Commissioner:

This paper is being filed responsive to the Official Action mailed June 23, 2009 ("Official Action"), along with a Petition for a three-month extension of time, making a response due to be filed on or before December 23, 2009. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

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